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Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of September 9, 2004 in the above identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating the drawings filed May 11, 2004 are accepted.

At the time of rejection, claims 1-8 were pending and claims 1-8 were rejected.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

The prior art considered: U.S. 2004/0062826A1 Shibasaki (Shibasaki); U.S. 5,601,740 Eldridge et al (Eldridge).

The rejection: claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibasaki in view of Eldridge.